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VIA EMAIL: Ken.Reecy@floridahousing.org

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Mr. Ken Reecy
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RE: Workshop to Discuss 2017/2018 Requests for Applications (“2017/2018 RFA Workshop”)

Dear Mr. Reecy,

The written comments below are being submitted to provide additional clarification regarding the public comments provided by Debbie Zomermaand within the June 29, 2017 2017/2018 RFA Workshop. Comments pertain to the section of various applications generally: 1) identified as “Local Government Contribution” and 2) requiring a certain contribution level (Broward - \$100,000) to receive the maximum award of five (5) points.

Local Government Contributions - Budget issues are being aggressively addressed at both the state and local levels and resources are being stretched much further than in prior years. FHFC should take a fresh look at the local government contribution requirements specifically with regard to the local contribution necessary to receive five (5) points within various application processes. This requirement places a tremendous financial and administrative burden on local governments, which are working diligently to maximize the leveraging that can be achieved with very limited resources; while also trying to get the funding to the areas of need within the community as quickly as possible given program parameters.

Procedurally, it would benefit Broward County if FHFC requirements allowed for: 1) non- monetary ways to demonstrate local government commitment for proposed developments (ideally a form providing local government support with no monetary requirements), or 2) an elimination of the requirement for a local government contribution, particularly within counties with high housing costs or a low level of effort. *(Please refer to Public Comments submitted to Steve Auger on June 5, 2008; July 30, 2008; January 21, 2009; April 23, 2010; May 4, 2010 and August 11, 2010 as well as the January 22, 2014 comments submitted to Sheila Freaney.)*

I appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 954-357-4912 should you require any additional information.

Regards,


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Director

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Debbie Zomermaand, Broward County HFA

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